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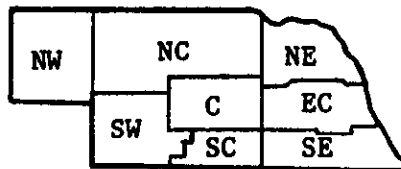
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WEATHER

Temperatures were a little below normal over all of the State except the Panhandle. Scottsbluff reported 4 degrees above normal temperatures while elsewhere temperatures were about 4 degrees below normal. Only very light scattered rain, less than .05 inch, fell over the far northwest and northeast. Overall, the week was dry and pleasant.

GENERAL

Continued dry weather aided crop maturity and moved along the beginning of fall crop harvesting. An average of 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork as cooler temperatures prevailed throughout the week.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated as only 9% adequate and 91% short. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated as 39% adequate and 61% short. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies were rated as 43% adequate and 57% short. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated as 58% adequate and 42% short.

Supplies of diesel fuel were rated as 90% adequate and 10% tight. Gasoline supplies were rated as 95% adequate and 5% tight. LP gas supplies were rated as adequate.

CROPS

About 85% of the corn crop reached maturity, still somewhat behind last year and normal of 95%. Harvest was over 5% complete as compared with 10% last year and a normal of 15%. The crop remained in good to excellent condition although maturity was still about one week behind normal.

Sorghum harvest reached nearly 15% completion, somewhat behind the 30% of last year and normal. Over 80% of the crop was considered mature, somewhat behind last year and normal of 95% for this date. The condition remained rated as good.

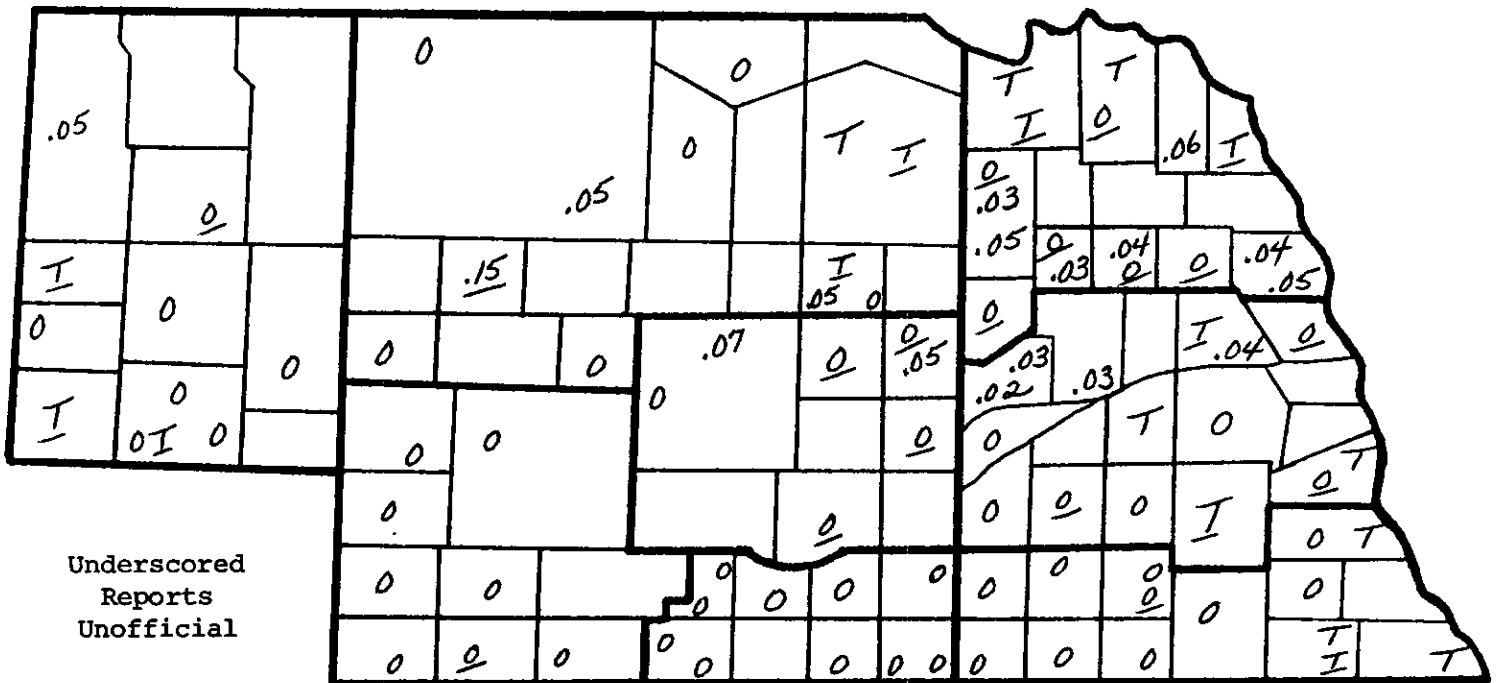
Soybean harvest advanced rapidly to stand at 50% completion, slightly ahead of last year's 45% and the normal of 40%. Leaves had shed from 95% of the soybean acreage, the same as last year and normal. The soybean crop remained mostly in good condition.

Winter wheat seeding was virtually complete with over 95% seeded, about the same as last year and normal. Dry conditions continue to put the recently seeded wheat under moisture stress in some areas.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies were rated as adequate in 70% of the counties and short in 30%. A few operators began moving livestock into stalk fields following the grain harvest.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1979



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1979

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	85	31	58	--	.05
	Scottsbluff	86	32	59	+4	T
	Sidney	84	31	58	--	0
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	82	28	55	0	T
NE	Norfolk	81	33	56	-1	.04
	Sioux City	76	35	54	-4	.03
CEN	Grand Island	82	32	58	-1	T
EC	Lincoln	82	34	58	-2	T
	Omaha	77	38	57	-2	.03
SW	Imperial	90	31	59	--	0
	North Platte	90	31	58	-2	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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